



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

WHEREAS, the preservation of peace in our communities and protection from violence for all citizens of the Commonwealth are fundamental priorities of government; and

WHEREAS, every year thousands of Virginians experience emotional, physical, psychological, and financial harm as a result of criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, victimization affects people of all ages and abilities, and all economic, racial, and social backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, victim services programs and public safety organizations throughout Virginia collaborate to provide vital services to victims, including crisis intervention, hotlines, emergency shelter, legal advocacy, and programs for children, teenagers, and adults; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth dedicates state and federal funds to support victims' services throughout Virginia; and

WHEREAS, we must all strive to continue improving services and expanding support for Virginia's crime victims and survivors; and

WHEREAS, providing quality services to victims builds trust and restores hope in communities; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 10 - 16, 2016, is an opportunity to build upon the decades of progress and hard work, and renew our commitment to ensuring that the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights is fully implemented, and that all victims have the services they need to recover from crime; and

WHEREAS, victim services providers, criminal justice officials and concerned citizens throughout Virginia are joining forces to raise awareness of victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize April 10-16, 2016, as **CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



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Governor

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Secretary of the Commonwealth